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HOW IT WAS DONE

Dr. Conant tells of a pastor who, passing a big department store, felt a sudden impulse to go in and talk to the proprietor on the subject of his salvation. Finding him, he said:

"Mr. T., I've talked beds and carpets and bookcases with you, but I've never talked my business with you. Would you give me a few minutes to do so?"

Being led to the private office, the minister took out his New Testament and showed passage after passage which brought before that businessman his duty to accept Jesus Christ. Finally, the tears began to roll down his cheeks, and he said to the pastor:

"I'm seventy years of age. I was born in this city, and more than a hundred ministers and more than five hundred church officers have known me as you have, to do business with, but in all those years you are the only man who ever spoke to me about my soul."—Selected.

BUT ONCE

I shall pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now, let me not defer nor neglect it; for I shall not pass this way again.

If I wish to give flowers to any or speak words of appreciation or encouragement, I shall do it while they are alive, and not wait till they are dead.

I realize that I am responsible before God for every hour of my time and for every act and every word of mine, whether I exert an influence for good or evil, and that at last I must be judged for the acts of my life whether good or bad.

No matter who I am or what my position in life, there are always some who are influenced more or less by my words and actions. God's Word teaches that I shall be responsible for every soul that is lost that I might have saved by proper effort.—Selected.



Many people never reach their true development until their difficulties become so great that they break down in the struggle and fall into the arms of God. This is what the Apostle meant when he exclaimed: "I take pleasure in infirmities; when I am weak, then am I strong."—*Gospel Herald*.



NOTICES

A new Church of God mission has been started in Trenton, Michigan. Anyone having friends or relatives in or near Trenton, please contact H. L. Rose, Box 430, or Wm. C. Meyers, 310 Riverview, Monroe, Michigan. Phone—Cherry 2-1419 or Cherry 2-1223. The address of the new church is 436 West Jefferson Avenue, Trenton, Michigan.—Wm. C. Meyers.



Anyone having friends or relatives located in or around Fort Devens, Massachusetts; Bedford Air Base, Bedford, Massachusetts; or Boston Navy Yard, Boston, Massachusetts, please contact Brother G. L. Bixby, 132 West Boylston Drive, Worcester 6, Massachusetts. Telephone PL-2-0853. This is the only Church of God in Massachusetts.

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A scene near the mining village of Ophir, Colorado, original route of the Denver and Rio Grande Railway. By A. Devaney, Inc., N. Y.

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DECLARATION OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saint's feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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Taking the City

By GENE MARTIN

When Joshua and the Israelites circled the city of Jericho, the city was given to them. So may we take the cities of our day.

"Shout; for the Lord hath given you the city," Joshua 6:16.

THE PEOPLE of the Church of the living God are to do more than to hold our own. We are supposed to be advancing. We are not called to be an army of occupation. Our high calling is to be an army of conquest. Evangelism is the very first and supreme mission of the Church of the living God.

An evangelistic service is more than a few songs, a special number or two, and a sermon. It is more than a place to congregate the people and arrange bazaars, rummage sales, and strawberry socials. It is the place to preach the gospel of the power of Christ Jesus, that can change a man from a sinner to a saint. Evangelism is souls.

The greatest need of God's people today is not more theory about the truth but more power to carry out what we already know—the power of the precious Holy Spirit. A church without the Holy Spirit is like a factory equipped with modern machinery but without power to turn the wheels. We need the mighty supernatural power of the living God.

When Paul said, "Do the work of an evangelist," he was writing to a pastor. Evangelism, I believe, must have a place in every minister's life whatever his special calling might be. And if he doesn't feel very evangelistic, it is my conviction that he just needs to touch God once more and say, "God, help me to have a love and a passion for souls." It is not the sermons that count so much, but it is the souls at stake that are so important.

"Now Jericho," the Scripture says, "was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel." Oh, they put up the gates all right. They said, "We are not going to let this Pentecostal group get hold of our heights." But God planned the campaign for the defeat of Jericho. That's the only kind of evangelistic service that will succeed—the one that God plans. We don't know how to master the devil any more than we can control the clouds or hold the sea in our hands, but if God plans the campaign, there is victory.

God outlined His plan. He said, "The first thing I want



you to do is to march around the wall. Everybody march! I don't want you here for anything else." He didn't call for any special songs. He just said, "I want you there. Be there, bench-warmers and attendance-swellers"—it's amazing, but that's what God wanted them to be. When your church is in revival, don't miss a service. You may not feel very important, but you may thwart the plan of God by being absent.

Then He gave the order of service. Someone might say, "Oh, that's surely hard on us. We don't believe in any orders of service." But God said, "I want the infantry first, then I want you seven preachers to come blowing your trumpets." The trumpets were not of silver but were rams' horns, which made a very dull sound. They made no show whatever. Why? This was so that the excellency of God's power and glory might be seen. It is not our sermons that will turn the town upside down. It is the excellency of the power of God that will do that.

I can see the children of Israel that first day as they went around those walls. The whole crowd was here—everybody. Some today are saying, "It can't happen here. The pastor is too young, the evangelist is too old, the weather is too bad, the night is too foggy." It will never work till they all come and march.

ON THE SECOND DAY around, they did the same thing again. I imagine some of them said, "Now, really, fellows, we have been through a lot of strange things, but this just goes too far. I'll tell you, we need a change of pastors around here! What possible connection can there be between walking around a city, tooting a horn, and the walls falling down? That's stupid." It didn't seem so stupid when all the walls were turned upside down.

If Joshua had any doubts, he kept them to himself. And I should like to admonish you that if you have any misgivings whether or not we are going to have a big move for God, just shut your mouth a little. If you don't give those doubts any fresh air, maybe they will die. We need less talk and more walk!

Do you know why the Israelites marched around those walls? It was because it was clearly evident that this was

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Follow peace with all men,
and holiness, without which no
man shall see the Lord.—He-
brews 12:14

The PURSUIT of PEACE

By DONALD B. GIBSON

An exposition of Hebrews 12:14

PROBABLY no other text has been employed more frequently by Church of God preachers than the one cited. The reason is that this familiar passage contains the roots of our fundamental standard of Christian living—holiness. The pioneers of our Church preached holiness with no alternative except hell, and we are to do no less today. In fact, we should herald the doctrine much more intensely, because these are the last days. The nefarious forces of ungodliness and worldliness confront us everywhere to an ever-increasing degree. The only combatant is holiness preached without fear and lived without compromise.

AN INTENSE APPEAL

The writer of Hebrews issued an intensely strong command which the casual reader overlooks. The command is an injunction to pursue peace and holiness *actively*, and there is no connotation whatsoever that a passive mode of following is meant. The imperative form of the Greek verb *dioko* is used by the writer. According to *Thayer's Lexicon*, it means "to seek after eagerly" or "earnestly endeavor to acquire." Therefore, it means to pursue or prosecute an objective with an output of great effort. Since the

imperative form here is in the present tense, it substantiates the idea of continual pursuit, a constant endeavor with no relenting whatsoever.

A TWOFOLD OBJECTIVE

The desire that Christians should endeavor to live in peace with all men is enjoined upon us in the same breath with that of holiness. Peace is the relationship that

a Christian is to maintain, insomuch as is possible, not only with other children of God, but with unbelievers also. "All men" includes friend and foe; the law of Christ makes no exception. It was Jesus who said, "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God," Matt. 5:9. He was expressing the idea of making peace, in fact, creating peace.

To manifest peace is to model one's self after the Prince of Peace. Included in the benediction of the heavenly host on the night of His birth was "on earth peace, good will toward men." Here we see that peace is the will of God even as our sanctification is. The peaceful, Christlike spirit was urged upon Timothy by Paul: "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness in-

structing those that oppose themselves," 2 Timothy 2:24, 25a. It is clear that successful evangelism, especially concerning the recovery of errant Christians and backsliders, requires humility and peacefulness on the part of the soul-winner.

If peace is our proper relationship with all men, then *holiness* is demanded of us in order to be rightly related to God. The Greek

Holiness for "holiness" is *hagiasmon* and is equivalent to sanctification. The appeal, then, is to personal purity and to the fact that the Christian has a role in determining that purity. If we, as God's people, are to be holy despite the mass currents of worldliness that are trying to inundate our foundations, we must know how to abstain dogmatically from evil. We believe and have experienced sanctification through faith in the blood of Christ through the Word and by the Holy Ghost. And our initial experience wrought by the Holy Ghost must be continually maintained. Paul wrote Timothy, "If a man therefore purge himself . . . he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified," 2 Timothy 2:21a. The same idea is expressed in He-

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It all began with

The Great Awakening of 1800

By JESSE M. BADEN

From the Great Awakening in the Appalachian states came the Holiness revival of the mid-nineteenth century. From the Holiness revival came the Pentecostal Awakening of the present day.

At the beginning of the nineteenth century, there was an urgent need for a spiritual awakening throughout the young nation. A widespread religious indifference, linked with French infidelity, had settled over the land. At this time only about six per cent of the population belonged to a church.

For those who know Yale University now it is difficult to think that at the turn of the nineteenth century the college was permeated with French infidelity. There were few students who were not contaminated by it. We are told that "the degree to which it prevailed may be judged by the fact that a considerable portion of the class which he (President Dwight) first taught had assumed the names of the English and French infidels and were more familiarly known by them than their own."

Marked Change Manifest

When Timothy Dwight was called to the presidency of Yale College in 1795, he encouraged the freest discussion in classes on the part of his students. Having listened to their doubts and arguments, he preached in the chapel a series of sermons by which the whole philosophy of skepticism was answered. Through his earnest and logical preaching, a marked change was soon manifest in the life of the college. This was followed by a revival in the spring of 1802, when 75 out of 230 students were converted and united with the Church. It is said that later almost one-half of the 75 gave themselves to the preaching of the gospel. The young president's Christian influence on the college, as someone has expressed it, was this: "From the day he faced his students in the chapel of Yale College, infidelity has been a vanishing force in the history of the American people."

Within a period of five or six years, not less than 150 churches throughout New England experienced a revival. In western Pennsylvania and northeastern Ohio, the churches experienced a spiritual awakening. Also there were revivals taking place in the western portion of the State of New York. The Presbyterian churches shared mainly in this work.

Thousands Gathered

James McGready, one of the outstanding leaders in Kentucky, was a Presbyterian minister. He was an influence to Barton W. Stone, who was also a minister of the same faith and a forceful leader in the Kentucky revivals, the greatest of which centered about Cane Ridge in

Bourbon County. In this revival the Baptists, Methodists, and Presbyterians united. Stone made the following statement about the Cane Ridge meeting, "This memorable meeting started on Thursday or Friday before the third Lord's Day in August, 1801. The roads were literally crowded with wagons, carriages, horsemen, and footmen who were moving to the solemn camp . . . It was judged by military men on the ground that there were between twenty and thirty thousand collected. Four or five preachers were frequently speaking at the same time in different parts of the camp but without confusion. They were of one mind and one soul, and the salvation of sinners seemed to be the great object of all. The numbers converted will be known only in eternity. Many things transpired there which were so much like miracles that, if they were not, they had the same effect on infidels and unbelievers as miracles, for many of them by these were convinced that Jesus was the Christ, and bowed in submission to Him."

After Cane Ridge, Barton Stone, dissatisfied with some of the articles in the creeds to which he could not assent, became the leader of a new group of congregations which called themselves "Christian Churches." In 1832 he and Alexander Campbell, of Bethany, West Virginia, merged their two communions into one, and today this communion is known in the United States as the "Disciples of Christ."

Showers of Grace

WHAT HAPPENED in the Cane Ridge revival took place in other parts of Kentucky and extended also into Tennessee, Georgia, the Carolinas, and the south and southwest "with veritable showers of grace." There were no evangelists or camp meetings in New England as there were in the South. The pastors, for the most part, did their own preaching. The principal means relied upon was the "preaching of the Word." The excitement and huge crowds which characterized the awakening in the South were absent.

It should be noted that in Kentucky and the West, this awakening was preceded by seasons of earnest prayer. Christians entered into a solemn covenant to spend a definite portion of time in prayer for the salvation of men. A half hour at sunset Saturday and a half hour before sunrise on Sunday were the times usually

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MEET THE MAN .

By FLOYD TIMMERMAN

Life's greatest event is the meeting of the human soul with the Saviour Jesus Christ.

ONE DAY Jesus felt the need of going through Samaria. The disciples had left Him to go into the city to buy meat, and it was here that He met the woman at Jacob's Well. Being tired and weary from His journey, Jesus sat down at the well. At about the sixth hour, He saw a woman approaching to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me to drink." The woman quickly replied, saying, "How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans." This woman needed only to know that she had met the Man who would help her regardless of who she was or what her conditions were.

Jesus answered her, saying, "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water." The first thing the woman thought about was how He could get water without anything with which to draw. Many times we would get along better in our Christian living if we would not question God as to how He will work things out for us. When He tells us He will do something, we should just take Him at His word and trust Him. He always specializes in things thought impossible, and will do for us what no one else can do.

Jesus told the Samaritan that after drinking water from Jacob's Well she would thirst again but that whosoever would drink of the water which He gave would never thirst. Thinking she would never have to come to the well to draw water, naturally, the woman was interested. She said to Him, "Sir, give me this water." There are a lot of people who are interested and would love to have the blessings of God in their lives, but they are not willing to go God's way in order to have them. Jesus told the woman to go and bring her husband. Soon He



Text: John 4:29, "Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?"

was telling her the story of her life. She knew that she had met an unusual Person.

After a lengthy conversation, the woman replied that she knew that the Christ would come and tell them all things. Jesus said to her, "I that speak unto thee am he." Can you not imagine how she felt and looked when He introduced Himself to her? She became so excited and amazed at His power and wisdom that she left her water pot and went running into the city telling the people, "Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?"

Someone might ask: "Why get excited about religion?" Some people go to every kind of worldly entertainment, clap their hands, jump up and down, and shout to the top of their voices; but they get angry when Christians praise and glorify God. I'll tell you, when a person meets Christ and

his life is changed, his sins are taken away, and he realizes he is ready for heaven, it is enough to make anyone shout for joy.

This woman was so thrilled that she wanted to introduce Him to others. We should be so happy for what Christ has done for us that we will introduce Him to everybody we can. Most of us have known people whom we wanted to introduce to everyone, because we knew that they would be a blessing. Of all people there is no other person who can do for us what Christ can do. Let us introduce Him as the One who saves from sin. Regardless of how far a person may go, Christ can reach him. Though his life is wrecked and ruined by sin, He stands ready to bless him. Let us introduce Christ as the One who heals. Jesus is the Master of every situation. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. When He walked the shores of Galilee, He healed the sick, opened blind eyes, unstopped deaf ears, and caused the lame to walk. He is still the same.

In this world of doubt and gloom when the devil is working with all his might to drag people down, we need to tell them of the Lily of the valley, the bright and morning Star, the One altogether lovely, the Fairest of ten thousands, the Answer to every problem, and the ever-present Help in time of need.

GOD ONCE TOLD Moses to make a brazen serpent and put it on a pole so that everyone who had been bitten by the serpents would be healed. We are taught in God's Word, ". . . as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up." In John 12:32 we find these words, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." It is our responsibility to introduce and to lift Christ up to this

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Man and missions

From the Foreign Mission Executive Secretary's Desk, 1080 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee—PAUL H. WALKER.

LAHAINA MOVES FOR CHRIST

By Orville P. O'Bannon, Missionary

Yes, Lahaina Church of God moves for Christ. Sitting here looking out of our big lanai window and watching the great ocean waves move in and break upon the beach below, I get a vision of our little work moving on for Christ, the Saviour of mankind.

Now, a few words about our fair little city of Lahaina. Many years ago it was the capital of the Hawaiian Islands, but, of course, Honolulu is now the capital. Lahaina has a population of about five thousand and is located on the ocean front where one can watch the beautiful sunsets every evening. Then turning around and looking at the green sugar cane fields on the sloping foot-hills of beautiful cloud-covered mountains in the background, a person sees one of the loveliest sights he has ever seen.

Sugar and pineapple plantations are the main source of work. Almost everyone is connected by some means with the plantations.

Church One Block Off Main Street

Our little church is located one block off the main street and two blocks from the center of town. At present the parsonage is six miles out of town. It is a lovely place with plenty of room for all visitors who may come by, for it has ten large rooms. It's located by the ocean with a private beach. After we have finished our new church, we hope some day, by the Lord's help, to build a beautiful new parsonage in town.

Brother Carey, our new overseer, has a great vision for the Church of God in the Islands. He and I plan to lay the foundation for our new church sometime during October. A church in the mainland is helping raise the money for our new church, which will cost about six thousand dollars. We do appreciate all that they are doing. We have just about enough to lay the foundation, and we are trusting God to supply the rest of the finance as it is needed. We know that He will, because He knows that our little building is much too small to take care of the people who are now attending our services. We need all the help that we can get, for our people are not financially able to help much.

L.W.W.B. Raised Over Six Hundred Dollars

Our L.W.W.B. is working hard each month to raise money to furnish the inside of our new church. They are doing a fine job, too, because they can work and make things only once a month as the plantations pay the first of every month. They have raised over six hundred dollars since we have been here to help meet church needs.

Brother Helton, a fine minister and pastor of the

Church of God in Hilo, came in August and conducted a three weeks' revival. Six souls were saved and the church was greatly blessed in many ways under Brother Helton's sound preaching. The Lord willing, we expect to conduct him a revival in November. The pastors have to conduct one another revivals, for we have no evangelists at present, but the field is open for one.

God has richly blessed us in Lahaina these past eleven months. I want to say that all the success we have had since being here, we give the praise and honor to Jesus Christ, our Lord, because without Him nothing could have been done.

God has given us thirteen saved and sanctified, twenty-one filled with the Holy Ghost and a nice church set in order in May of this year with thirty-one members. For this year Sister O'Bannon and I, with all of the church people, have put as our goal to lead at least one soul to Christ. We have a vision of greater things ahead for Lahaina, if the Lord tarries.

The Church of God is highly respected here, and all over the island of Maui we are known as those people who sing and pray loudly. There is only one Church of God on Maui at present, but by God's help we plan to have another on the other side of the Island someday.

We thank all of you who have faithfully prayed for us. We desire your prayers in the future, especially for the new church so that soon we shall have a place large enough to put our people and those we are trusting Christ to help us win for Him.—Yours for Hawaii.

OLD HYMNAIS REQUESTED FOR BARBADOS

We have just received from the Overseer of the Island of Barbados, Brother Luke Summers, the following request:

"There comes to my office a continual call from all the churches of the smaller, poorer islands for some kind of song books. By the time the song book *Prayer and Praise* gets here and the exchange is added, the price to many, is prohibitive. Do you have any quantity of any kind of books—old, small, or used, it matters little? Many of them have none at all, and they are crying for help. I can't afford to give these that you have been sending, and they cannot buy. Can you help us on this matter?"

This simply means, dear friends, that if you have books which are still useable in your churches and which are Church of God books, we would appreciate your boxing and sending them to our Brother Summers in Barbados. His address is: Rev. Luke Summers, Worthing View, Christ Church, Barbados, B. W. I. You will be helping a good cause. There is no duty on this type of material going to Barbados. You are allowed to ship packages weighing up to six pounds and nine ounces.—Executive Secretary.

USED CLOTHING HELPED

Luke R. Summers, Overseer

We received a good shipment of used clothing and, also, some used Sunday School literature from Headquarters for our work in Barbados. We are, indeed, grateful for this help and thank you all so very much.

This shipment arrived just before our D.V.B.S. at River Road, the first attempt at such a school in our churches on the island of Barbados. In many areas distribution of

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SOMETHING EXTRA

IN 1953 THOUSANDS of pastors, Sunday School and youth workers attended the Sunday School and Youth Congresses conducted in the various regions of the United States. This year your National Sunday School and Youth Department, in view of the great interest already being shown, estimates the attendance of the 1955 Congresses will be nearly double that of the 1953 Congresses.

Lending support in emphasizing the theme of the three-night, two-day Congresses, "Enlarging Our Borders," will be the conferences, study groups, and the *strikingly impressive* exhibits.

A caravan of instructors, composed for the most part of Sunday School and youth work specialists from General Headquarters, will travel to each of the six Congresses to conduct the following classes: Vacation Bible School, Superintendents' Class, Pastors' Class, Youth Week-day Activities, Youth Camp Counselors' Class, Adults in the Sunday School, District Sunday School and Youth Directors' Conference, Beginners' Department, Cradle Roll and Nursery Department, Y.P.E. Programming, Promotion and Publicity, How to Begin Branch Sunday Schools, The Small and Departmentalized Sunday Schools, Young People's Department, How to Build Your Attendance, Intermediate Department, Primary Department, Junior Department, Architecture and Equipment, Sunday School Evangelism, and Training Youth Leaders.

Visual demonstrations and messages by well-known speakers will make the night services during the Congress especially inviting. Handicrafts demonstrations in the Exhibit Room preceding each night's service will provide an exciting and interesting preliminary.

If you are interested in attending a Sunday School and Youth meeting where all dull moments have been eliminated, make your plans now to attend the 1955 Church of God Sunday School and Youth Congresses.

For further information, write your State Sunday School and Youth Director, or write the National Sunday School and Youth Office, 1080 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee.

FOR PASTORS—The Techniques and Methods of Sunday School Operation.

A NEW FEATURE of the Congresses this year will be a pastors' class. The work of the Sunday School is of such vital importance to the success of a pastor's ministry that to neglect it is to hamper his own work and limit his usefulness. Every pastor should assume the responsibility as the chief officer of the Sunday School.

In this class, special instruction will be given by the National Director on the pastor's place in the Sunday School, enlisting teachers, developing talent, providing proper facilities, etc. Pastors must know, if their churches are to grow.

FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND GENERAL OFFICERS—Workable Plans for Building and Maintaining Bigger and Better Bible Teaching Sunday Schools.

EVERY SUPERINTENDENT should have a thorough knowledge of what is involved in his position. This class, conducted by the Editor of the Sunday School Department, is designed to help each superintendent define his place in the Sunday School, and to bring him to the proper appreciation of his responsibility. In most cases the success or failure of a Sunday School rests in the hands of the superintendent. For this reason, attendance at one of the Regional Congresses is a "must" for every superintendent. Learn more about opening worship services, organization, administration, and how to secure the support of your staff.

FOR DISTRICT DIRECTORS—A Conference With This Objective: To Strongly Emphasize the Planning, Balancing, and Promoting of the District Program.

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

By O. W. P.

Assistant National Sunday School

A SPECIAL FOR YOU

O. W. POLEN

Sunday School and Youth Director

STILL ANOTHER NEW and important feature of the Congresses this year will be the District Sunday School and Youth Directors' Conference which will be conducted by the Assistant Director of the National Sunday School and Youth Department.

This conference will be very beneficial to all district directors and of untold value to those who are serving in the capacity of district director for the first time. The class will also be open to all persons interested in serving as future district directors.

A discussion period on the problems of the district directors and their solutions will enable these leaders to return to their work with confidence and assurance as well as a better understanding of their responsibilities. Detailed instructions on district organization, district award systems, district conventions, rallies, workers' conferences, local church visits, recreation, etc., will provide each district director with the basic knowledge he must have and use if he is to succeed as a district director.

The district director who fails to attend this conference will miss the best opportunity that we have ever offered for training in this particular field of service.

FOR THOSE SEEKING MATERIAL AND SPECIAL ASSISTANCE—A Colorful and Startling Arrangement of Booths, Displaying Sunday School and Youth Work Material in an Elaborate Style.

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School furniture booth, to the architecture and plans booth, as well as to a number of other booths, will enlighten our workers as never before to the fine selection of materials and equipment now being offered.

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THE GREAT AWAKENING OF 1800

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agreed upon for this purpose. No great spiritual awakening has ever taken place within the churches, from Pentecost until now, apart from prayer.

Infidelity Overthrown

Historians tell us of some definite results following these revivals which were held during the early part of the nineteenth century. First, infidelity was overthrown. Preachers proclaimed the gospel with a new courage; weak churches grew strong; and Christian activities throbbed with the pulsations of a new life. It can be stated that "Every condition of society was reached from the cultured classes of staid New England to the untutored settlers on the frontier of what then constituted the remote West. Infidelity became a vanishing force, and the religious character of the nation was assured for generations to come."

Churches Strengthened

Second, the churches were strengthened. As a result of the revival, it was estimated that in Kentucky alone 10,000 persons were added to the Baptist churches. From 1800 to 1803, the Methodist Church received about 40,000 new members throughout the country. There was scarcely a religious denomination which did not share in the fruits of this remarkable revival. Concerning the renewed spiritual life, one preacher wrote in 1803. "Neighborhoods noted for their vicious and profligate manners are now as much noted for their piety and good order. Drunkards, profane swearers, liars, quarrelsome persons are remarkably reformed."

Missionary Enterprises

Third, missionary and philanthropic enterprises were inaugurated. One can name only a few. In 1810 the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions was organized by Samuel J. Mills and others. The Baptists organized their Missionary Society in 1814, and the Methodists organized theirs in 1819. The American Bible Society was started in 1816. The American Tract Society was formed in 1814. Andover Theological Seminary was begun in 1809 by the Congregationalists. By 1827 seventeen theological seminaries were started by different denominations.

Thus, the awakening of 1800 was fully as remarkable as any which ever renewed the life of the churches on the North American continent.



TAKING THE CITY

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God's will for them. Although they couldn't understand all about it, they submitted to the will of God and marched anyway. Hallelujah! The commission of the Lord is for us to go out and rescue the lost and heal the sick. That's the commission whether or not we understand how, when, or where. We are to do what He says. They obeyed because it was the will of God, and they had faith in God. After all, God had said the walls would fall, and what else could happen?

I rather imagine that when the news reached Jericho that a strange people were coming up from the desert, a few of the old-timers in Jericho said, "Oh, don't be afraid; their fathers came here forty years ago, and when they saw the height of our walls they were astonished. When they saw us, their hearts melted within them for fear. Don't worry."

What they didn't know was that these people were now united. They were agreed. They loved one another, and they were ready to march together to take the city. Unity among the Christians is one of the greatest things to bring revival. Oh, I plead with you to unite with your church and your pastor. Ask for forgiveness if you need to, or if you sense that somebody has something against you, go see him about it. If you will forgive one another, the Lord will forgive you, and you can go on marching. Glory to God!

FINALLY, the seventh day came. My, did the Jerichoites get a surprise that day! Instead of those people just going around once that morning, they started around the second time. I guess the people inside crawled up and looked over the walls and said, "These are 'sure enough' fanatics. Look at this; they're going around a second and a third time. What in the world are they up to, anyway?" They were carrying out God's instructions. They were completely organized. A lot of folks don't like to admit it, but God planned the whole thing weeks in advance.

God instructed them that on the last time around the preachers were to blow the horns and the people were to shout. "But I just don't think that you ought to tell people when to say, 'Hallelujah,'" I hear somebody say. Well, I do, from this. I just have to believe it. God said there is a time to shout and a time to keep quiet. Most of us have not learned when to keep our mouths shut. I think maybe we all have been a little noisy at the wrong time. God gave them the instructions about the right place for shouting, and He didn't make any allowance for the "quiet, conservative type," either. He just said that the whole group was to shout. That is the secret of victory—believing God and obeying what He says.

On that last time around when the trumpets began sounding and the people started shouting, God did what He said He would do. The old walls were pulverized and were spilled out so that the children of Israel could march on to victory. With all my heart, I believe that the lost can easily be reached if we will do our part to weep, pray, march, and "be there" when God tells us to be there.

The Israelites marched around the whole city. If they had gone around only two or three blocks, that would have been all they would have taken, for they would have been able to take only what they had marched around. With God's help, let's go around the whole metropolitan area. "Shout; for the Lord hath given you the city."—From THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL.



USED CLOTHING HELPED

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used children's clothing gained many scholars for the school. There were 440 enrolled, and 116 accepted the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour. May God bless you in your efforts along this line, through which means souls can hear the gospel.

Next year, the Lord willing, we shall endeavor to have a period of training for the Sunday School teachers throughout the Island preparatory to holding similar schools in all of the churches. As a result, I am sure we shall see better methods employed in our Sunday Schools, and thus the work will grow more rapidly.

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THE PURSUIT OF PEACE

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brews 12:1, ". . . let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us." These verses place great responsibility on you.

AN EXCLUSIVE CONDITION

The crucial words in the text come last—"without which no man shall see the Lord." The condition for seeing the Lord is plainly stated. Anything outside of the realm of holiness will not be sufficient security. In fact, any state, condition, or practice not within the confines of holiness is ungodliness. Those who are ungodly certainly will not see the Lord. John said, "Beloved, now we are the sons of God,

and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be (holy) like him; for we shall see him as he is (holy)." The Lord Himself is called the Holy and Righteous One (Acts 3:14). Whom will He rapture except holy believers? And who can expect to be like Him *then* if not conformed to His image *now*?

MEET THE MAN

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world so that they too, might receive His blessings.

Sometimes I think we are too quiet about what God has done for us. Let us tell it everywhere we go. If you were to go into the stores of any city

and ask the people you met what they thought of many great men, they would not be embarrassed in the least; but if you were to ask many of them what they thought of Christ, the situation would change completely. We should not be ashamed to talk about Christ to anyone. Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

Now I should like to ask you a question. How long has it been since you have introduced Christ to someone? Let us check on ourselves and see what we are doing to win others. Let us think of what Christ has done for us and then introduce Him to someone else. What He has done for you, He will do also for him.

Know-Your-Church-Week

"Know-Your-Church-Week" has just closed at the Church of God in Baldwin Park, California, but for years to come, it will remain a living thing in the hearts of each who attended. Having been a member of the Church of God for twenty-four years and feeling that it was my duty to go, I went the first night, but my eyes were opened and awakened to a new realization of the privilege we are enjoying by belonging to an organization such as ours. For the remaining nights, it was hard to wait for evening when services would begin. Danny Drake, pastor of a nearby church, was the speaker, and although a young man, he had a love and respect for the Church which gave his listeners an illuminating vision of membership in the Church of God. Giving us around four hundred scriptures in conjunction with the teachings of the Church, he began with the early Church and brought us down to the day in which we live. His teaching was inspirational, and he put special emphasis on each teaching, which brought out a well-balanced picture of the Church of God.

During the week, we observed communion, and on the closing night, an opportunity was given for church membership. A number of candidates joined hands with us, among whom was an elderly lady who had been a devout Christian, had reared a fine family, and had been a great influence in her community, but she had never joined a church. Forty years she had served God, and on this night she united with us and requested our prayers that she would be "an honorable member" of the Church of God.

On Sunday night the approval of the Holy Spirit was felt as He took the service and a large number received their baptism. We are grateful

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to God for giving us a greater love and devotion for the Church, and the general feeling was that of the apostles on the road to Emmaus—our hearts did burn within us, and we felt a swelling joy in being a member of this great group.

There is no way to evaluate all the results, for more was accomplished than our finite minds can understand. We are indebted to the pastor, John Nichols, who had the foresight to steer our course and set our sails toward our responsibility as members of the Church. He gave us a determination to excel, by God's grace, in church membership. The time set aside for "Know-Your-Church-Week" in the coming year cannot come quickly enough. God grant that it will gain momentum and rise to such heights until everyone will be convinced that God has a Church and a people who consider it an honor to be called the CHURCH OF GOD.—Mrs. Ralph E. Williams.

New Mexico State Prayer Conference

As one who has attended many conferences and many conventions, I can say of this prayer conference that convened at Carlsbad, New Mexico, on February 8, 9, that it was, indeed, the greatest I have attended yet. It was great because God made it great. From beginning to the end, the presence of the Lord filled not only some but all who attended. Wave after wave of God's glory filled the house, and to me it was likened to the Day of Pentecost. I praise the Lord for God's grace and His goodness for permitting me and my family to attend. I will never forget it so long as I shall live, and may God give us many more if

Jesus should tarry.—R. R. Seyda, Pastor at Roswell, New Mexico.

God's Convocation

It was a beautiful day in Carlsbad, the "Cavern City," as the ministers and laity throughout the State of New Mexico gathered for the annual state prayer conference. The church was well filled for each session of the meeting.

Brady Dennis, our state overseer, had an excellent program prepared on "Evangelism" and "Emphasizing the Word." The various phases of this theme were proclaimed in a most outstanding way by the ministers of the State. On Tuesday afternoon, February 8, the business session moderated by Brother Dennis was most enlightening.

God graciously poured out His blessings upon His people in each of the services. Each song, prayer, and sermon was freighted with God's divine power.

We were delighted to have with us Brother A. G. Thompson, state overseer of Colorado, his wife, daughter, and mother from Pennsylvania. Brother Thompson delivered two inspiring messages in the evening services. Also, we were happy to have some visitors from Texas: Brother James A. Hall, his daughter, Sister Gentry, and his granddaughter; Brother W. H. Folli, Brother Wm. L. Bowerman, as well as a visitor from Arizona, Brother H. W. Pugh.

The film "Workers Together With God" which was presented on Wednesday night, February 9, made us realize our duty toward God and man in personal evangelism. Each who attended this prayer conference received rich blessings, wisdom, and sustenance which will make us better soul-winners for Christ.—Mrs. Brady Dennis, Reporter.

revivals

PALMER, Tenn.—We recently had a revival with Brother Elmer Land as the evangelist. Twenty-two were saved, 18 sanctified, and 17 filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Land will be a blessing to any church.—James Earls, Pastor.

NORRIS CITY, Ill.—A very successful three weeks' revival was conducted recently by Brother Johnny Warren, evangelist, and Brother E. W. Thomas, pastor. Every night Brother Warren brought wonderful messages inspired by the Holy Ghost which helped our members, as well as members of other churches who attended the revival. A Presbyterian lady received the Holy Ghost during the meeting. Five were saved, 5 sanctified, and 5 filled with the Holy Ghost.—E. W. Thomas, Pastor.

CROSSVILLE, Tenn.—We recently had a great revival with Brother Roger Green, of Nashville, Tennessee, as the evangelist. This was one of the greatest revivals the church has ever had. The power of God was so great and real that people ran to the altar and prayed through to old-time salvation. We praise God for this wonderful revival. Sixteen were saved, 11 sanctified, 8 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 4 added to the church. We are expecting more to join the church in the near future. Brother Green is certainly a consecrated man of God, and he will be a blessing to any church. Brother J. T. Rhymier, our pastor, is certainly a wonderful man of God, and he is doing a fine work here. Words can't express just how much we appreciate him and his good family. Many nights of our revival, the Holy Ghost fell and took charge, and our hearts were made to rejoice, because we know Jesus is soon coming.—Sue Stevens, Reporter.

JACKSONVILLE (LANES AVENUE), Fla.—Sister Irene Hillhouse began a revival on December 30 at the Lanes Avenue Church of God in Jacksonville, Florida. This began as a weekend meeting but continued for three weeks. Twenty-four were saved, 15 sanctified, and 18 filled with the Holy Ghost. This was truly an outstanding meeting. The church was greatly blessed by the ministry of Sister Hillhouse. We are thankful for the church and also for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister E. C. Kirkland. The church was established with seventeen members nine years ago. Brother Kirkland accepted the pastorate and has been our pastor ever since. At the present time, we have 108 members. We now have a beautiful church and parsonage free of debt, and plans are being made to enlarge the building so that we can accommodate the growing congregation. Fifteen united with the church during the revival, and fourteen will be baptized in water.—Barbara Kirkland, Reporter.

GRAYSON, La.—We have recently had a good revival with Brother John W. Blow as the evangelist. God blessed and people were healed. Fourteen were saved, 10 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, 3 reclaimed, 2 added to the church, and 4 baptized in water. Sixteen children were dedicated to God. The Lord has really blessed the Grayson Church, and we heartily recommend Brother Blow for revivals anywhere.—W. V. Stamper, Pastor.

SEVIERVILLE, Tenn.—Recently, we had a two weeks' revival with Brother Maynard Renfro as the evangelist. Twenty-eight were saved, 28 sanctified, 21 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 7 added to the church. Any church would be blessed by getting Brother Renfro for a revival.—Marshall Poplin, Pastor.

Telegram

DURHAM, N. C.—The Durham Church is growing by leaps and bounds. Fifty-four new members have been added in the last five months. We are having a revival in our regular services and large numbers are being saved. In the last two weeks, 9 have received the Holy Ghost, and the attendance has nearly doubled.—Roland Verrico, Pastor.

MIDLAND, Texas—We have recently had the most successful revival this church has ever had. Brother Verl Ray Mitchell was the evangelist. This was his first meeting, and he is on fire for God. In two weeks 8 were saved, 3 sanctified, 16 filled with the Holy Ghost, 14 added to the church, and 16 baptized in water. The Lord sent His Spirit into each service and worked in such a wonderful way that everyone's heart was moved by the power of God. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.—George W. Ivy, Pastor.

LAKE WALES, Fla.—We have had a special visitation of God's blessings in a revival conducted by Sister Irene Hillhouse. We had a special service Sunday night, February 13, and 28 young people and 3 adults lined the altar for consecration to the service of God and His cause. A number were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost.—L. F. Rogers, Pastor.

LAVONIA, Ga.—We have recently had a revival at Price Chapel in which God blessed us in a great way. Twenty-two were saved, 8 sanctified, 6 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and a number healed. Brother Horace Bennett was the evangelist.—Thomas Whitfield, Pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, Md.—We have recently had a three weeks' revival with Brother Mark Summers as the evan-

gelist. They tell me here that it was the greatest revival in years. For many weeks before the revival, we, the church, were in one accord praying that the Lord would send us an old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival, and that is just what happened. Twenty-one were filled with the Holy Ghost, 12 saved, and 14 sanctified. Many were healed of afflictions and sickness. In the three weeks we had only two nights that someone did not receive a definite experience from the Lord. Brother Summers is a wonderful man of God, and a better altar worker I have never seen. He has a definite zeal to see the work progress. I should like also to speak a word of praise for the way the people responded in this great feast we have had with the Lord. There was no task too great or too small for them to do in order that the glory of God might be set forth. Night after night they remained in the altar until eleven and twelve o'clock praying for the Lord to work in the seeking souls. It is at times like this that we realize that the spirit of Pentecost is just as real today as it was in Acts 2:4.—R. L. Wagner, Pastor.

BORGER, Texas—Our church was in a revival from January 23 until February 13 with Mrs. Zoe Brown, of Fort Worth, Texas, as the evangelist. She did a marvelous job conducting this revival, and the people of Borger, as well as the church, really appreciated having Sister Brown. Twenty-five were saved, 20 sanctified, 12 filled with the Holy Ghost, 11 baptized in water, and 9 added to the church. Many testimonies of divine healing were given through this revival.—W. L. Shires, Pastor.

MT. OLIVE, Ga.—Before Christmas, we had a wonderful revival with Brother J. C. Quilliams as the evangelist. The Lord blessed in many ways. Ten were saved, 5 sanctified, and 3 filled with the Holy Ghost. There were also many healed by the mighty hand of God.—Clifford C. Emmett, Pastor.

Telegram

GREENVILLE, N. C.—There has been a great revival in progress in Greenville, North Carolina. The revival is now going into its fourth week. Thirty-two have been saved, 32 sanctified, 15 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 25 added to the church. The evangelist is R. E. Blazier, of Carmi, Illinois.—Lester B. Robbins, Pastor.

WEATHERFORD, Tex.—Showers of blessings have flooded the Weatherford Church of God! In a recent three weeks' revival conducted by Brother and Sister Roy Douglas, 26 were saved, 20 sanctified, 15 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 15 added to the church—two by transfer. Miraculous healings,

such as a blinded eye opened and a deaf ear unstopped, were witnessed by the near-capacity congregations. We, the members, feel that much of the success in the moving forward of the church is due to the perseverance and understanding shown by our fine pastor and wife, Brother and Sister J. D. Free. We feel fortunate to have such able leadership.—Reporter.

ROME, Miss.—We have just had a two weeks' revival with Brother J. W. Atkins, of Cleveland, Tennessee, as the evangelist. The Lord met with us each night in a wonderful way. Ten were saved, 6 sanctified, 4 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 8 added to the church. Almost every night some were healed. Brother Atkins is a wonderful man of God, and he really preaches the Bible.—Leona Tharp, Clerk, and J. E. Williams, Pastor.

MOHEGAN, W. Va.—We had a wonderful revival with Brother R. L. Starkey as the evangelist. The power of God was present throughout the entire revival. Seventeen were saved, several sanctified, and 1 was filled with the Holy Ghost. We plan to take members into the church and have a baptismal service soon. Don't let anyone tell you that you can't have a revival during the Christmas holidays, because we did.—L. R. Green, Reporter.

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Tex.—We praise God for the wonderful ten-day revival which we recently had. Our evangelist was Brother and Sister Roy Douglas, of Macon, Georgia. Many said this was the greatest revival in the history of our church. The Holy Ghost was present in a great way in every service. Sixteen were saved, 14 sanctified, 13 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 11 added to the church. Many testified of being healed. Our pastor is Brother Lester Foster, who is a wonderful man of God. Every department is growing under his leadership, and the spiritual tide is running high.—S. E. Campbell, Reporter.

PIKE AVENUE (BIRMINGHAM), Ala.—From January 2-23 God met with us in a mighty way at Pike Avenue. Every night was a glorious service. This was an old-fashion, heaven-sent revival. God heard and answered the prayer of His children as they earnestly sought Him for an outpouring of His Spirit. The attendance was said to have been the largest in years. Sunday School attendance increased each week. The special consecration service for Christians was outstanding. A great mission rally, with Brother Johnny Owens bringing a wonderful message, was a blessing to the revival. A young man was healed of cancer of the spine. X-rays before and after his healing proved this to be a miracle of God. Another man was healed of a kidney disorder, and many others received deliverance from various afflictions. On the last night, when the

house was filled, a large number gathered on the platform to give their testimonies of what God had done for them during this revival. Twenty-six were saved, 14 sanctified, 12 filled with the Holy Ghost, 11 added to the church, and 7 baptized in water. The evangelist was the Reverend Bobby Ross, of Hamilton, Ohio.—Clyde Ogle, Pastor.

PATETOWN, N.C.—We have recently had the most wonderful revival that we have had in years. In eight consecutive nights, from one to five persons were saved. Forty-five were saved and 6 were filled with the Holy Ghost. Charles Campbell, an educated young man full of the Holy Ghost, was the evangelist. We appreciate our good pastor, Brother J. E. Walker.—Marvin Howell, Clerk.

ATLANTA (HEMPHILL AVENUE) Ga.—God is working in the Hemphill Avenue Church of God. We recently had a series of services with Brother C. W. Batson, of Nashville, Tennessee. The revival is still continuing. Fifty-two were saved, many sanctified, 17 filled with the Holy Ghost, 21 baptized in water, and 28 added to the church. We are thankful for the effective work done by Brother Batson. He is a man aflame with the fire of evangelism. To God be the glory and honor for this great revival.—Earl P. Paultk, Jr., Pastor.

SETH, W. Va.—We have recently had a revival which was the greatest we have had in many years. Twenty-seven were saved, 10 sanctified, 6 filled with the Holy Ghost, 9 baptized in water, and 11 added to the Church of God. Our evangelist was Perry Fred Stone, of Bartley, West Virginia. He prays, studies, fasts, and has a vision for both the lost and the Church. Unity, love, fellowship, vision, prayer, fasting, and faith are the chief keys to the success of any revival.—G. E. Bleyer, Pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, Miss.—We have recently had a revival with Brother Junior Holland, of Lyons, Georgia. The church was greatly blessed. Four were saved, 2 sanctified, and 2 filled with the Holy Ghost. The power of God was in every service, and people were slain under the power of God. Fourteen were added to the church. We thank God for sending this good evangelist to our church. We also appreciate our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister J. W. Chancy.—Mrs. Carlos Donald.

LIVE OAK, Ga.—We have just had a meeting with Brother E. W. Ashmore as the evangelist. Four were saved, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 4 added to the church. The Lord was with us every night, and some of the time the Holy Ghost took over the services and the evangelist didn't get to preach. We are building three Sunday School rooms, which will make us five.—P. S. Collins, Pastor.

COVINGTON, Ky.—We have recently had a revival with Brother Lonnie Gable as the evangelist. The church was blessed. Five were saved, 3 sanctified, and 1 was filled with the Holy Ghost.—Letha DeBush, Clerk.

RIVER ROUGE, Mich.—We truly thank God for the good revival that we have recently had here. Brother Charles B. Donahue was the evangelist. Thirteen were saved, 5 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, 9 baptized in water, and 13 added to the church. Eleven requested transfers, and there were numbers of testimonies of healings. Only eternity will reveal all the good that was done. God is wonderfully blessing our church, and we appreciate our pastor, Brother E. B. Rose, and his family.—Sherman E. Donahue, Clerk.

MONROE, Mich.—We have recently had a good revival at the Rosalie Street Church of God. Two were saved, and several were blessed and reclaimed. Brother Roy Tharpe, who is a wonderful man of God, was our evangelist. Every night he preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, who came down in every service. The revival spirit is still on, and the Church is on the move for the Lord.—George Lewis, Pastor.

ALARKA, N. C.—We truly praise the Lord for the good revival we have recently had. It ran for three weeks, and the Lord surely blessed in a wonderful way. Our good pastor, Brother M. R. Snyder, did most of the preaching, and every message was God-sent. Thirteen were saved, 10 sanctified, 6 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 4 added to the church. We are truly happy to have a good man like Brother Snyder for our pastor. We appreciate his good wife, also. We surely do love them. The church is making progress, and we give God all the praise for all that has been done.—T. H. Parris, Reporter.

MEMPHIS (MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD), Tenn.—The greatest revival in the history of the Mississippi Boulevard Church of God is now in progress. Forty have been saved, 30 sanctified, 30 filled with the Holy Ghost, 14 baptized in water, and 22 added to the church. Many miracles of healing have been wrought by the power of God, and the end is not in sight. The evangelist is A. S. Worley, of Loudon, Tennessee.—Sam J. Fleming, Pastor.

WHITTIER, N. C.—On January 16 we began a revival with Evangelist C. L. Leonard and wife. The meeting, which lasted three weeks, proved to be a great blessing to our church. Ten were saved, 5 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 5 added to the church. The crowds held out well despite the bad weather. We broke all records in Sunday School on the second Sunday of the revival. Brother and Sister Leonard, a fine couple, are good singers. You will do well in getting them for a revival.—T. J. Looney, Pastor.

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Recognizing that the problem of juvenile delinquency and the work of the Church in meeting that need presents a unique challenge and opportunity, Youth for Christ has scheduled a national Youth Guidance Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska, June 9-12 of this year.

The conference will bring together some of the nation's top Christian authorities on work with problem youth for the purpose of fellowship, exchange of ideas, and sharing with pastors, YFC directors, and Christian youth leaders valuable methods and practical procedures that can be used on the community level in helping these young people.

Participants include Dr. Bob Cook, president of Youth for Christ International; Gordon McLean, Youth Guidance director for YFCI; Jack Hamilton, of YFC Bible clubs; Franklin Robbie, director of an expanding Youth Guidance program in the State of Montana; and Chaplain Arnold Peterson from Minneapolis' Hospitality House and the county juvenile court; Chaplain Howard Blandau, of the Iowa Training School for Boys; and Chaplain Robert Ruddell, of the Nebraska State Penitentiary. Special guest soloist for the sessions will be America's own great basso who has sung for presidents and kings, Bill Carle.

A unique feature of the conference is the tentative scheduling of one session at the Nebraska Training School for Boys and another at the state prison. In addition to the institutional phase of the sessions, material will be given on summer camping programs and community juvenile work.

The conference is open to interested pastors, church youth leaders, businessmen, Bible school and college students, as well as YFC directors. Full information may be had by writing Youth Guidance Program, 109 N. Cross Street, Wheaton, Ill.

(MNS) At the end of last year, Evangelist Tommy Hicks returned to Argentina. Many friends there urged him to return to conduct another evangelistic campaign in Buenos Aires, where he had held one in May, 1954.

The Atlanta Stadium in Buenos Aires was engaged, and after about a week of meetings, the crowds were numbering from five to eight thousand. Then, one of the Ministers of Government ordered the meetings closed and refused permission to hold further services.

Reports reached the N.A.E. Office of Affairs in Washington that Mr. Hicks

was being held in hotel arrest by the Argentine police. A check through U. S. Government officials confirmed the fact that, after two weeks of hotel arrest, Mr. Hicks was released on February 4 with the stipulation that no more meetings be held.

No official reason for this action has been given. Indications are that, due to the current friction between the Argentine Government and the Catholic Church, it was deemed inadvisable to hold Protestant meetings in stadiums at this time.

(MNS) Bishop Thomas A. Melton, Chairman of the Board of Foreign Missions of the PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH, left February 15 to visit that board's work in Hawaii, Hong Kong, India, and the Union of South Africa. He will return to the United States the last of April.

Bishop Melton will be in South Africa at Easter time to preside over the South African Annual Conference of the Pentecostal Church.

(MNS) The World Conference of Pentecostal Churches to be held in Stockholm, Sweden, will begin on Monday, June 13, at 4:00 p.m., with a welcome service for all delegates in the Philadelphia Church, 5-7 Roerstrands-gatan, Stockholm. That same night the public opening service will be held in a special conference tent seating 12,000 persons.

Accommodations and meals will be arranged by a special agency, "Reso," which will contact all delegates and observers by mail at their home address and will give information as to where they will be located during the conference.

Upon arrival in Stockholm, travelers by air, rail, or ship will be met by guides and directed to their destination. The conference will end on June 20.

All applications should be in by April 1. Address to the conference secretary, Allan Tornberg, Box 6082, Stockholm 6, Sweden.

(MNS) From Argentina comes the report that there is a new law pending signature which states that no open air meetings—religious, political, or any other kind—will be allowed, except at times of national elections.

In view of the existing conflict between the Argentine Government and the Roman Catholic Church, this presumably would be aimed at further restraining the Catholic hierarchy. In view of the fact that such a law would drastically curtail Protestant missionary activity as well, this is a matter

deserving of the prayer attention of the evangelical public.

The youth department of the Assemblies of God will launch a nationwide reading of the book of Acts with observance of the ninth annual Christ's Ambassadors Day, April 24, the Reverend Richard Fulmer, national secretary, has announced.

Some 100,000 Christ's Ambassadors throughout the United States are expected to participate in a mass reading of the book of Acts beginning with the Christ's Ambassadors Day services. Through cooperation of the American Bible Society, copies of the book of Acts have been secured for distribution to all Assemblies of God young people. The Reverend Fulmer expects 50,000 copies of the book of Acts to be given to C. A.'s during the opening day of the drive.

Launching of the reading project is a continuation of the One-Eight Crusade, a youth witnessing program which has extended through the past year. More than 4,000,000 tracts have been distributed by Assemblies of God youth during the crusade.

C. A. groups in some 7,000 churches are expected to join the national drive to read the book of Acts and to continue their project of witnessing. Copies of this book are being made available without cost to groups which agree to read them.

WHEATON, Ill.—Following its new "grass-roots" approach, the National Association of Evangelicals is offering a guide for the organization of local evangelical fellowships.

The brochure "How to Organize a Local Evangelical Fellowship" has been prepared by the Reverend George L. Ford, associate executive director. Mr. Ford has drawn on his experience in organizing local evangelical groups in the Pacific Northwest, where he was regional N.A.E. director before coming to the national office. The guide is designed to aid local groups of ministers who have a concern for the spiritual, moral, and social needs of their communities. It provides a step-by-step outline of how to set up an effective group.

Areas covered in the brochure include how to start a local fellowship, how to keep it going, and suggestions for consideration by the organizing committees. It provides also a sample constitution and a list of twelve suggested areas of activity.

The guides are available without cost from the National Association of Evangelicals, 108 North Main Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

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